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of cattle tried at the instance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at the Hosur Cattle Farm for the last so many years over that of the Kangayam breed at Pattagar's Farm?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No scheme for the improvement of Kangayam breed of cattle was conducted at the Livestock Research Station, Hosur, at the instance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, how could there be an improvement in the breed of the cattle? If there is any improvement it will become hybrid."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir. There is improvement in grade."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question. Mr. Aranganathan."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request you to take up this question to-morrow."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it will not be necessary in view of the answer I am going to give. It need not be taken up to-morrow because the answer is :

'The particulars are not yet available. They are being compiled.' "

The question was put.

Statistics about the students belonging to backward classes.

* 418 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of pupils and students of the backward classes (Hindus) reading in all the schools and colleges including technical and professional during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The particulars are not yet available. They are being compiled."

Outbreak of cholera in certain areas in the Chingleput district.

* 419 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of cholera that were reported from Ponvilaintha Kalathur, Perumal Eri, Kuppam of Tirukalikundrum in Chingleput district during the months of October and November 1953;

(*b*) how many were cured;

(*c*) how many of them died; and

(*d*) the steps taken by the authorities to prevent the spread of the epidemic in those areas?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) The particulars are given below :—

Name of the village.	Number of attacks.	Number cured.	Number of deaths.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Ponvilaintha Kalathur ...	17	7	10
Perumaleri	16	9	7
Kuppam of Tirukalikundram.	5	2	3

" (d) Immediately on receipt of reports of infection, Health Inspectors visited the villages and control measures such as inoculation, disinfection and chlorination of water sources, were instituted."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, has the incidence of cholera now abated or is it still prevalent in these parts? Is it not also a fact that medical aid was rushed to the places affected only after havoc and ravage was wrought by the epidemic and that even when information was brought to the medical authorities at Chingleput the authorities did shrug their shoulders and say that they had not enough personnel to tackle this disease and much less enough stock of medicine?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this particular disease has completely subsided in Chingleput district and there are only a few sporadic cases. I cannot understand what is the basis of the information the Member has to make such an allegation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I am bringing to the notice of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health that I am the representative of that constituency and the basis of collecting this information is personal knowledge and the allegation made by the Hon. Minister that I am not posted with proper information is not correct?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There were only 20 deaths here and I do not understand, Sir, why the hon. Member is exaggerating the matter like this."

SRI S. RAMASAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, have the Government received any report of the ameliorative work done by the representative of that area in regard to the prevalence of cholera?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I presume the hon. Member is mostly in Madras City."

Tours of Revenue Divisional Officers and Sub-Collectors.

* 420 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any instruction to the Revenue Divisional Officers and Sub-Collectors that they should stay at Firka Headquarters in their periodical tours in their jurisdictions?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no such instruction."